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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment (13 Oct 06).
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6, 9, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-8 and 10-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 2a. Claim 2-3 and 13, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Levenson et al., US 5,331,353.

In considering claims 2-3 and 13,

As disclosed by applicant AAPA (JP-3274878) discloses a system which provides a channel/audio during the latency period, and also starts execution of a starting sequence when a power source operation is inputted at a time of a stop of the apparatus body.

However, as disclosed by applicant AAPA does not explicitly recite stopping the starting sequence to start execution of an ending sequence when the power source operation is inputted during the starting sequence execution.

The examiner will rely upon Levenson which discloses a master television along with it's slave units, wherein parental control can be performed via the master television to turn on/off the childs display by Forcing credits in or out of the childs allotment. In one example if a child is accessing the system a valid child code is entered then the device check's the child's time account, if there is time remaining in that account power is applied to the TV if there is no time allotted left, the system will not power on and an error tone is generated (col 8, line 50-58). Thus an interrupt may occur when powering on, which can take place either at the master or slave unit, meeting the limitations. Thus in response to the number of operations inputted, the child and/or the parent will effect the status of the power-up/down result as stated above.

2b. Claims 1, 3-4 and 6, 9, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Levenson et al., US 5,331,353 and Mears et al, US 20020186325.

In considering claims 1 and 4-5,

In addition to claim 2 above, claim 1 recites the use of a display lamp which is turned on/off based upon the power mode.

The combination of AAPA/Levenson does not recite this conventional feature.

Although, well known the examiner will incorporate Mears et al., (para 0002, Fig 2) which discloses a system which either lights up the power on LED or not (no power) to indicate the power mode to the user, in addition to the blinking limitation claimed.

Thus it would have been clearly obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA/Levenson which discloses conventional power switching, by also

providing the user conventional display regarding the power state as done by Mears, allowing the user to verify the current selected power status of the device.

In considering claim 6,

Regarding the initialization of blocks, since this feature is a conventional component wherein when a device is power-up or down, the respective components/blocks must be put into a respective state (i.e. being initialized) thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7-8 and 10-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593.

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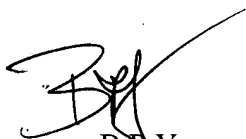
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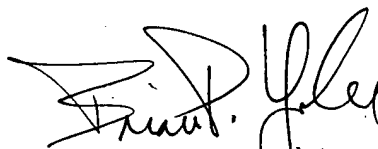
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